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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

Plans in hand for revision of Sydney competition set-up

The Federation's Investigation Committee, which has been occupied with finding ways and means to reduce the Sydney first division competition to 10 teams, will recommend measures to the NSW Council on August 7.

The committee includes Federation chairman, Ben Nathan, Bob Walker, George Warner, Les Farr and George Beelaerts.

The recommendations will be:

● **The proposed competition to include four inner city clubs and one apiece from the South Coast, Canterbury, Bankstown, Parramatta, Hurstville and North Harbour areas.**

If Bankstown is relegated this season the North Harbour be split into two teams from Manly and North Shore.

● **Teams prepared to move into the suburbs should be given every assistance by the Federation, such as loans for ground rental, publicity and free passes to children in the district.**

Members of the Management Committee should also be prepared to do the "spade work" for clubs willing to move into the suburbs.

● **Each first division club to have 34 registered players and the third grade scrapped; also abolish semifinals and finals for the minor grades.**

● **The second division to be split into two geographical zones of eight teams each.**

The winner of each group to play off on a home and away basis to determine promotion.

● **The Federation is to encourage the amateur division to develop into a "nursery" for future first division and international talent.**

● **If the Council approves of the new second division set up, first division teams then should have three votes each at Council meetings.**

● **The Investigation Committee also recomended that NSW delegates to the Australian Federation press for legislation to organize junior and amateur soccer competitions throughout Australia.**

This move would integrate the various, and now autonomous, junior associations into the local senior bodies like everywhere else in the world.

The big problem now confronting the Federation is to find ways to cut the present 12-team competition down to 10 without hurting anyone.

At this stage it appears unlikely that any first division club will be willing to merge and lose its indentity so it appears certain that there will still be a 12-team first division next season but with a big difference.

Three teams will be relegated at the end of the 1964 season, thus enabling the 1965 first division to conduct the desired 10 teams competition.

Unless clubs are willing to merge, that is the only alternative.

Fans will not complain as that will mean the most exciting competition in the history of Sydney soccer, what with seven or eight teams of equal strength desperately trying to avoid the "big drop".

R. Fekete (obscured face) is too late as Yugal's goalkeeper L. Haskakis has the ball well in his keeping as team mates J. Mucillo (No. 3) and Eric Schwartz look on while Herbert Ninaus appears bewildered by it all. — No. 53.

RIGHT OFF THE BALL

The new P.M.G. service of giving progress results of all Sydney football codes was received enthusiastically.

However, last Saturday showed that the service is still in its infancy.

At 4 p.m. — soccer's half time—no soccer scores were given at all.

At 5 p.m. the P.M.G. finally gave the half time scores —more than one hour late.

At 5.15 p.m. ABC radio gave a flash with all football full time results.

But the P.M.G., even at this late stage, knew only the stale old half time scores.

At 5.20 p.m. the ABC gave again all the results together with scorers, etc.

And at 5.25 p.m. the P.M.G. still lingered on at half time with both soccer and Union scores.

After that we gave up this expensive checking, but it would be still good to know what time the P.M.G. finally got hold of and taped the full time soccer scores?

Writer in crash

Len Todd, the well-known Brisbane journalist and SOCCER WORLD correspondent was involved in a car crash last Sunday night.

Luckily, he escaped without injuries, but suffered shock.

Action pictures by SOCCER WORLD photographer Les Brady are on display at Carmel Espresso, 270 Victoria Street, Kings Cross.

W.A. threat of breakaway

Western Australian soccer officials are up in arms over the Australian Federation's decision to eliminate Perth from the itinerary of the touring Peruvian side in November.

They claim that a crowd of 15,000 would have watched the Peruvians, ensuring a financial profit as the recent Australian representative championship match in Perth against Newcastle produced a £1050 gate.

The West Australians are so incensed about their omission that some officials are talking about breaking away from the Federation to affiliate with FIFA as a seperate body.

To add fire to the flames of Western discontent Perth clubs are also upset about not being included in the £5,000 Wills Australia Cup.

They feel that an Australia Cup match in Perth would draw better than in Brisbane, Adelaide or Hobart as it would be a great novelty to soccer starved Perth fans.

They are prepared to pay their own expenses to send WA's champion team to the Eastern States for the series.

In Sydney Australian Federation secretary Bob Clark told SOCCER WORLD that he knew nothing about the West's seething discontent.

"We made it clear at the recent Australian Federation meeting in Melbourne that a trip to Perth by the Peruvians would involve excessive costs, as would the inclusion of West Australian clubs in the Australia Cup, and their delegates seemed to agree" he said.

NATIONAL SCENE

● Last weekend's sunny weather attracted 21,000 spectators to Sydney's 17th round of first division matches.

With four more rounds and four deferred matches to be played 357,000 spectators have already watched competition games this season.

With reasonable good weather in the next few weeks, despite the wettest winter on record, last season's record of 410,000 spectators for the 22 competition rounds should be beaten.

● **Newcastle results:** Adamstown v. Newcastle Austral 1-2; Wallsend v. West Wallsend 2-1; Maitland v. Cardiff 2-1; Awaba v. Merewether 3-2; Lake Macquarie v. Cessnock 0-3.

● Polonia and JUST increased their lead in Victoria as George Cross, Juventus and Hellas all lost.

The fourth place is wide open with only three points seperating fourth placed Wilhelmina from Croatia, eleventh and facing relegation with already doomed Richmond.

23,500 spectators watched last week's round, including an estimated 16,000 at Sunday's Polonia-NS v. S.M.-Hellas Olympic Park clash.

● Juventus have gone further ahead in South Australia despite their draw with Croatia since arch-rivals Budapest were unexpectedly beaten by relegation-threatened Enfield.

Croatia and Victoria share the vital third and fourth positions but with Polonia, Cumberland and the much improved Austria and Enfield breathing down their necks the Australia Cup berths are very much open.

At the foot of the table Lion, despite their win against Cumberland, are still four points away from safety although they have caught up with floundering Orange.

● Latrobe's scoreless draw with Merton enables Azzurri to share second place in Queensland.

Hellenic enjoy a four point lead after thrashing Bundamba, who thus lose all hope for an Australia Cup berth.

The battle, however, still rages behind Hellenic with Azzurri, Latrobe, Oxley and Merton in line for three of the "final four" places.

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NOW OR NEVER FOR YUGAL

The Yugal team which kept its semifinal hopes alive by beating Hakoah 2-1 at Marks Field last Saturday. — Top, from left: S. Pacanin, A. Nincevic, L. Lazarevic, team manager M. Banovich, T. Jelisavcic, M. Stojanovic, H. Ringhoff, L. Haskakis. Bottom: J. Mucillo, E. Schwartz, F. Dunaj, J. Medina. The Hakoah team picture, taken at the same game, may also be ordered from SOCCER WORLD. — No. 44

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EDITORIAL

FINANCIAL INSANITY

Confirmed reports of staggering bonuses to Sydney players make one think how long this can go on without a spectacular collapse of some clubs.

The sum total spent by the 12 clubs each week is much larger than the sum total of their revenue.

The missing thousands of pounds cannot be found for ever in the pockets of benefactors or rich supporters; they will all tire of pumping money into clubs.

The N.S.W. Federation has a constitution and this quite clearly fixes the maximum bonuses that may be payed.

However, most clubs merrily disregard this and keep offering £30 and £40 for a win, saying the money comes from "rich supporters."

When such extravaganza is done by some of the bigger and really well-heeled clubs, one merely thinks of the waste.

But when small, struggling clubs imitate them, the phenomenon is bewildering.

Some clubs cannot honor their obligations to other clubs, yet they cheerfully spend up to £330 on the team as bonus after a match won.

This sort of financial insanity will never help build soccer in Australia.

It will merely weaken the clubs and through them the Federation, which, by the way, is failing in its duty to enforce the constitution.

If clubs are too shortsighted to save themselves, the Federation should do it for them.

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AROUND THE GLOBE

With Paul DEAN

Milan could become soccer's new citadel

All over Europe hundreds of teams are getting ready for the new season that, in many cases, starts in the first part of August.

As usual, many sensational transfers have taken place involving famous players and small — or not so small — fortunes.

The biggest captures were made by the two Milanese clubs, Internazionale and AC Milan by signing Garrincha and Amarildo respectively for the fantastic total of £500,000.

Now there is every chance that these two Italian clubs will set the Continent's soccer on fire, as did Real Madrid and CF Barcelona a few years ago.

In the European Cup both could do well and many an ambitious Milanese fan is already dreaming of an Inter v. AC Milan final.

Major changes have taken place in the league set-up of Germany, Hungary, Greece and, of course, England where the Eastham-case may revolutionise the "working conditions" of players.

In Germany a super-league with 16 teams has been formed, scrapping the five first divisions of the various regions.

In Hungary only one round will be played, ending around Christmas, to enable them to switch over to the spring-autumn competition in February.

As a result, in the brief 1963 season there will be no promotion and relegation but the same 14 teams will take part in the full 1964 league.

And finally, in Greece the teams are now allowed to pay their players as part-time professionals.

Judged by the discontent, many players must have preferred the previous "amateur" set-up under which they drew lucrative "expenses", often straight from the president.

AUSTRIA

Fresh rumors in Vienna concern the impending arrival of the great Benfica and Portugal stopper, Germano to FK Austria-Wien.

He may come together with team-mate Aguas, the rangy centre forward, both of whom are on the Benfica transfer list.

Rapid's new goalie is Veres of the Yugoslav Vojvodina and the Huetteldorf club is now waiting for the arrival of the Brazilian forward, Lukmann.

HUNGARY

MTK of Budapest won this year's Mitropa Cup, beating another Hungarian team, Vasas in the final.

Hero of the match was MTK goalie Kovalik who oddly enough, helped Vasas win the same cup a few years ago.

This was the third time that the Mitropa Cup was fought out by two Hungarian teams.

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At the age of 58 Jozsef Turay, one of Hungary's all-time greats died in Budapest.

Turay played for Ferencvaros for seven years before transferring to MTK-Hungaria.

He appeared for Hungary dozens of times at centre half and was a member of the 1938 team that won second place in the World Cup.

More than 1,500 people attended his funeral.

ENGLAND

George Eastham is not the first player to have won a decision in the High Court against his former club.

The first to do so was Henry Leddy who in 1922 sued Chesterfield for a breach of promise over the matter of £1 a week in wages.

Leddy won the case but later the Football League imposed an £8 a week maximum wage for players to stop the "mad inflation".

ITALY

Seminario, the Peruvian-born inside forward of Fiorentina, thinks highly of the efficient Italian "calcio".

"When a team has scored two goals, the match is won as the defence will do the rest.

"In my opinion the two best forwards in Italian soccer are Lojacono (Roma) and Maschio (Inter)."

Both are Argentines and both have changed clubs many times in the past few years without ever having achieved the fame of Suarez, Charles, Altafini or other celebrated imports.

BELGIUM

To make soccer more interesting and spectacular, many experts suggested various innovations.

Now Piet Thays, a Belgian radio reporter suggested an alteration in the competition point system to induce teams to score more goals.

Thays suggests two points for a win plus an extra point for any additional goal difference.

In his book a team winning 4-1 would receive four points — two for the extra goals with the maximum of the "extras" limited to four points, even in the case of a 10-0 win.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Ladislav Novak, the veteran Dukla and national full back from Prague has finally overtaken the legendary goalkeeper Planicka as his country's most "capped" player.

Planicka played for Czechoslovakia 74 times but Novak's tally now stands at 75.

As he is still "only" 33, Novak may well add another dozen or more feathers to his impressive cap.

SPAIN

Luis Suarez, the great Spanish-born forward of Inter Milan, recently lost both his parents within three months.

After that he spent a week in Madrid taking care of his parents' businesses.

However, certain rumors hold that while in Madrid Suarez discussed the possibility of transferring to Real Madrid for the coming season.

MEXICO

The Mexican association is confident of getting the 1970 World Cup for their country.

Of their other rival, Argentina, they speak with contempt: "Too many revolutions, not enough money and organisation."

Mexico City's superb new Estadio Azteca, with 125,000 seats, will be ready by December 1964.

So far some 7,000 "life tickets" have been sold — valid for 100 years and transferable from father to son until 2064.

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Molloy-led Magyars could upset smooth, slick Polonia

— *From LEN STONE in Melbourne* —

A huge crowd at Olympic Park witnessed Polonia beat Hellas.

Unfortunately the game ended on a sour note with hotheaded players swinging punches after the final whistle.

Surprise of the round was Wilhelmina's clear-cut win over George X while Croatia's and Melbourne's victories were bigger than expected.

On Saturday at Olympic Park, Richmond will face S. M. Hellas and on Sunday JUST have an important match against Hakoah.

In the first division South leaders Triestina journey to Yallourn while in the North division Fiorentina v. Coburg and Moreland v. Alexander appear to be the pick of the games.

Polonia v. Melbourne

It is far from a foregone conclusion that league leaders Polonia will continue their winning sequence against Melbourne.

The Hungarians literally thrashed much fancied Juventus and showed that if things go right for them, they are a very good combination.

Molloy should be back to lead the forward line and although Polonia pivot Gross is playing extremely well, I fancy the Melbourne forward to create plenty of opportunities for his colleagues.

Much will depend on whether they take their chances.

Hakoah v. JUST

Both teams need the points and will be flat out in what promises to be a ding-dong game at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Hakoah slipped badly last week and their forwards, with the exception of Keenan, lacked punch.

JUST were not convincing either but if they can get their teamwork going, they should win, mainly because of the drive which they can expect from their great half-back line of Micic, Rice and Rusmir.

Games between these old rivals are always crowd-pleasers and this one should be no exception.

Lions v. Wilhelmina

Wilhelmina should continue winning and keep their final four hopes alive by beating tenacious Lions.

The surprise move of shifting Petersen to centre forward paid off and his direct methods to goal could trouble the stubborn Lions defenders.

Teenager Watson, the Lions spearhead, is improving with every game and will create danger though experienced Van Alphen should at least break even with him.

It will be a game well worth watching.

Juventus v. Croatia

A vastly improved Croatia under coach Franz Wilmmer will be a tough proposition for the Italians despite their home ground advantage.

Juventus were disappointing last week and forward line, with the exception of Noel Kenny, was out of form.

Even their strong defenders, Hartley, Griggs and Frangioni will have to cover better to have any chance.

For Croatia Slivar, Fernie, Votjek and Lucnic should again provide the main drive to give their side victory but it could be very close.

Slavia v. George Cross

Both sides had an off day last week and will have to lift their game.

Slavia with Welsh international Des Palmer in their side could make it hard for the Maltese.

"Best and fairest" for the last two seasons, Freddie Falzon chased a spectator after last week's game and may be on an assault charge which could get him a suspension.

Even without him, I feel that George Cross will have too much all-round superiority and win two valuable points.

Richmond v. S.M. Hellas

Olympic Park is a great leveller, yet experienced but unpredictable Hellas should gain two vital points at the expense of lowly Richmond.

Week after week, Richmond's busiest man is their brilliant keeper Van Altena.

Although he will strongly influence the outcome of this game, it is doubtful whether he, Glennie and McKenna will get enough support to curb players of the calibre of Anderson, Smith, Margaritis and Kambourpoulos.

VICTORIA CALLING

● **Pressure of business forced Ferdi Varrenti to resign his post of treasurer to the Victorian Soccer Federation last week. However, he will continue his duties with the Juventus soccer club.**

● George Cross have signed another inside forward in Harry Stevenson, formerly of Kettering, one of the leading English non-League clubs. Harry also played on the wing for Kettering but inside forward has been his regular place with the English side.

● **Popular S. M. Hellas coach Manny Populatakes together with Jim Kelly (NSW) are considered hot favorites for the position of coach to the Australian squad. Manny has moulded S. M. Hellas into a top class combination and is considered a master tactician and great disciplinarian.**

● There are rumors that the present promotion and relegation system in Victoria will undergo a change and only one team is likely to be promoted and one team relegated. This move would split the Federation and would certainly meet with a hostile reception from the 24 first division North and South clubs as well as some State League clubs.

● **At present in first division North, Fiorentina are favorites with Alexander, being well clear of the rest of the field. In the South division it looks like Triestina but Oakleigh and Austria also still have an outside chance.**

● There are two schools of thought concerning the appointment of secret scrutineers to attend league games to report on infringements, behaviour of officials, club members and performances of referees. One section feels that the selected officials should be publicly known and others feel that this would hamper their task. However, all agree that this could help to cut out infringements behind play and even the Australian Rules authorities commended this move and say it should be copied and used likewise in their code.

● **Melbourne - Hungaria's mid-season ball last Saturday was an outstanding success. The team's great 4-0 win over Juventus in the afternoon gave added zest to the occasion. Melbourne's Hungarian community, solidly behind their club, celebrated with typical Magyar verve and your reporter was happy to be amongst them.**

● Centre forwards were in the news last weekend. Jim Fernie of Croatia played his best game since arriving in Australia. Watson of Lions was voted best man on the field. Petersen of Wilhelmina in the for him unaccustomed position was also best player. Young Mroczkowski of Polonia led his star-studded line in great style last Sunday and even Juventus spearhead Kenny, although on the losing side, was voted best of his team.

Melbourne results

STATE LEAGUE

Melbourne v. Juventus: 4-0 (1-0)

Scorers: Weinberg 2, Toshack, Abonyi. **Crowd: 2,000.**

Lions v. Richmond: 3-1 (2-0)

Scorers: Watson 2, Vella for Lions; Copeland for Richmond. **Crowd: 350.**

Croatia v. Hakoah: 5-1 (1-0)

Scorers: Fernie 3, Basic, Lucnik for Croatia; Keenan for Hakoah. **Crowd: 1,000.**

JUST v. Slavia: 3-1 (2-1)

Scorers: Pikl, Marinovic, Micic for JUST; McColgan for Slavia. **Crowd: 1,500.**

Wilhelmina v. G. Cross: 3-1 (1-0)

Scorers: Godthelp, Keuken, Van Dijk for Wilhelmina; Gibb for George Cross.

Crowd: 2,500.

Polonia v. S.M.-Hellas: 2-1 (1-0)

Scorers: Mrockowski and Jankowski for Polonia; Margarites for Hellas.

Crowd: 16,000.

FIRST DIVISION

NORTH — Moreland 4 d. Coburg 1; Alexander 3 d. Moonee Ponds 0; Box Hill 6 d. Corio 1; Collingwood 2 d. Williamstown 1; Fiorentina 2 d. Sunshine City 0; Sicilia 3 d. University 1.

SOUTH — Austria 4 d. Sandringham 0; Bayswater 3 d. Oakleigh 2; Brighton 4 d. Fern Tree Gully 1; Triestina 1 d. Dandenong 0; South Yarra 2 d. Geelong 0; Makedonia 2 d. Yallourn 0.

MELBOURNE STATE LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	10	3	2	48	14	23
JUST	9	4	2	39	18	22
G. Cross	7	4	4	25	17	18
S.M.-Hellas	5	5	5	20	21	15
Wilhelmina	7	1	7	36	32	15
*Juventus	6	4	5	23	26	15
Slavia	6	2	7	20	24	14
Lions	6	2	7	27	33	14
Hakoah	5	3	7	29	33	13
Melbourne	5	2	8	20	25	12
Croatia	3	6	6	22	33	12
Richmond	2	1	11	16	47	6

How they stand in other States

QUEENSLAND STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellenic	12	1	2	64	17	25
Latrobe	9	4	3	40	18	21
Azzurri	10	1	4	47	23	21
Oxley Utd.	8	3	4	41	28	19
Merton R.	8	2	5	47	30	18
Grange-Th.	7	2	6	35	30	16
Bundamba	5	5	4	27	38	15
Blackstone	4	0	11	38	47	8
Easts Utd.	2	0	13	18	63	4
Germania	1	1	13	13	63	3

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

G. McMILLAN (Hellenic)	23
E. PATTISON (Merton)	19
S. KITCHING (Azzurri)	18
J. DARLINGTON (Latrobe)	17
R. RICHARDS (Latrobe)	13
P. FLANAGAN (Thistle)	12
M. WILD (Merton)	12
A. TSOMBARAS (Hellenic)	11
R. WILSON (Oxley)	11

FIRST DIVISION (new comp.)

Redbank-Din. v. University	6-0
Mitchelton v. Excelsior	4-0
Postal Inst. v. Croatia	3-3
Polonia v. Dnipro	3-0

ADELAIDE FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Juventus	11	2	2	35	18	24
Budapest	10	4	1	33	20	21
Croatia	6	5	4	29	24	16
Victoria	7	6	2	30	28	16
Polonia	6	6	3	26	26	15
Cumberland	6	7	2	20	19	14
Austria	6	8	1	33	30	13
Enfield	5	7	3	27	34	13
Orange	4	10	1	20	30	9
Lion	4	10	1	18	42	9

LEADING SCORERS

SLAGER (Croatia)	15
BEATTIE (Lions)	13
BAINES (Austria)	11
COSTALUNGA (Lion)	9
FRASER (Enfield)	9
LYSTER (Orange)	9
KATOLIK (Polonia)	9
MATISCSAK (Budapest)	8
HERCZEG (Budapest)	8
DONNELLY (Juventus)	8

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Birkalla	12	1	1	64	11	25
Hellas	11	1	2	36	15	23
Beograd	7	5	2	29	19	19
P. Adelaide	6	2	7	27	27	14
Malta	6	2	7	21	32	14
Edinburgh	4	5	6	40	43	13
Salisbury	4	4	7	24	37	12
Elizabeth	4	2	9	24	43	10
Mitcham	3	2	8	22	44	8
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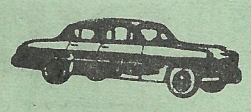
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First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prague	14	1	2	60	23	29
APIA	12	2	3	58	27	26
S. Coast U.	11	4	3	50	25	26
P. Hellenic	9	5	3	43	28	23
Gladesville	7	4	6	34	31	18
Yugal	8	1	7	34	38	17
Budapest	6	3	8	27	31	15
Canterbury	5	4	9	30	40	14
Hakoah	2	7	8	33	48	11
Croatia	3	4	11	33	51	10
Auburn	4	1	13	22	57	9
Bankstown	4	—	12	24	49	8

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Corinthians	17	1	—	75	13	35
Polonia-NS	12	3	3	51	18	27
Balgownie	11	1	6	45	34	23
Granville-AEK	9	3	6	48	33	21
Syd. Austral	10	1	5	33	31	21
Concordia	8	2	6	32	27	18
M. Eagles	7	2	9	37	42	16
Blacktown	6	1	8	27	28	13
Sutherland	5	3	8	40	44	13
Thistle	4	2	11	27	50	10
Manly	2	1	13	24	59	5
Toongabbie	1	—	16	19	74	2

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	10	3	4	42	24	23
Bankstown	11	1	4	40	26	23
Prague	10	2	5	48	34	22
Budapest	10	1	6	45	39	21
Pan Hellenic	8	2	6	30	23	18
Gladesville	9	—	8	35	31	18
S. Coast U.	8	1	7	42	25	17
Hakoah	7	1	8	48	35	14
Croatia	5	4	9	29	51	14
Auburn	6	1	10	32	41	13
APIA	4	2	10	29	52	10
Yugal	2	—	13	18	57	4

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	12	3	1	51	16	27
Gladesville	11	3	2	37	20	25
S. Coast U.	9	5	2	43	16	23
Bankstown	9	4	4	34	17	22
Hakoah	8	2	5	27	12	18
Budapest	7	4	6	30	21	18
Prague	7	4	6	40	35	18
Auburn	5	3	7	24	32	13
P. Hellenic	5	3	7	25	37	13
Yugal	4	1	10	11	35	9
APIA	1	2	12	18	49	4
Croatia	—	2	15	9	56	2

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Balgownie	13	4	1	57	21	30
Polonia-NS	13	3	2	51	27	29
Corinthians	13	2	2	66	13	28
Granville-AEK	11	—	6	51	30	22
Syd. Austral	9	—	7	46	43	18
Thistle	8	2	7	31	42	18
M. Eagles	6	2	10	37	46	14
Blacktown	4	3	8	24	30	11
Sutherland	5	1	10	27	33	11
Toongabbie	3	3	12	24	51	9
Manly	2	2	11	23	41	6
Concordia	3	—	14	17	72	6

AMATEUR DIVISION
FIRST GRADE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	12	1	1	50	15	25
Hornsby-N-End	9	1	4	67	28	19
Sydney Uni.	8	3	3	67	38	19
Kingsford Int.	7	3	3	33	34	17
Sth. Sydney	8	—	6	41	18	16
Belmore	8	—	6	60	47	16
Nth. Bankstown	7	2	5	36	27	16
Lidcombe	6	4	4	36	28	16
CYO	4	4	8	32	43	12
Penrith	2	2	11	24	56	6
Uni. NSW	2	1	11	20	61	5
Kuring-gai	2	1	12	18	73	5

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
Second & Third Grade

Yugal v. Hakoah	4-2	0-4
Canterbury v. Croatia	2-0	5-0
Bankstown v. APIA	1-3	1-0
P. Hellenic v. Gladesville	2-1	0-3
Prague v. SCU	2-1	2-0
Auburn v. Budapest	6-0	1-1

SECOND DIVISION
First & Second Grade

Syd. Aust. v. Polonia-NS	2-7	3-7
Concordia v. Blacktown	3-9	3-0
Corinthians v. Thistle	3-0	11-0
Sutherland v. M. Eagles	1-3	2-1
Balgownie v. G'ville-AEK	1-0	4-0
Toongabbie v. Manly	0-3	1-0
* Polonia-NS v. Con'dia	4-1	3-0

* deferred match

AMATEUR DIVISION
First & second grade

Sth. Sydney v. CYO	0-1	1-3
Hornsby-N-End v. Penrith	9-0	5-1
Uni. NSW v. Nth. Banks'n	0-3	0-4
Belmore v. Sydney Uni.	5-4	2-2
Lidcombe v. K'-gai	5-0	1st grade
Kingsford Int. v. Marconi	4-2	2-3

LEADING SCORERS

B. TRISTRAM (Prague)	25
L. BAUMGARTNER (APIA)	20
G. BARNETT (SCU)	16
G. GIACOMETTI (APIA)	15
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	14
S. PATRINOS (P. Hellenic)	13
J. DOHERTY (SCU)	12
L. SCHEINFLUG (Prague)	12
T. JELISAVCIC (Yugal)	12

SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

AUBURN
2 (1)

N. Tran 31 min., E. Grosz 80 min (own goal).

BUDAPEST
1 (1)

P. Banicevic 39 min. (penalty).

PRAGUE
3 (0)

L. Scheinflug 60 min. (penalty), W. Billington 66 min. (own goal), N. Badaracco 89 min.

S. COAST UTD.
4 (2)

J. Aquero 6 min., B. Harris 45 min., J. Doherty 65 min., G. Barnett 75 min.

YUGAL
2 (0)

R. Kearns 70 min. (own goal), A. Nincevic 71 min.

HAKOAH
1 (0)

L. Lazarevic 75 min (own goal).

PAN HELLENIC
1 (1)

J. Eleftheriadis 36 min.

GLADESVILLE
3 (3)

V. Reynolds 12 & 17 mins. D. Sandell 25 min.

BANKSTOWN
1 (1)

A. Westwater 31 min.,

APIA
4 (1)

J. Wong 15 min., L. Baumgartner 55 & 58 mins., F. Bottalico 76 min.

CANTERBURY
2 (1)

G. Galbraith 2 min., J. Watkiss 85 min.

CROATIA
1 (1)

P. Pascales 38 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

W. Henderson 3; R. McLelland 3, R. Haggett 3; N. Townsend 3, F. Van Gaalen 3, R. Baker 4; R Hall 3, I. Scott 3, W. Shepherd 3, N. Tran 4, A. Jeffrey 4.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: A. Jeffrey**

E. Grosz 2; H. Stegbauer 3, D. Buchanan 3; S. Isaac 4, P. Banicevic 4, M. Schaeffer 3; G. Warren 4, H. Rodriguez 4, M. Krgin 3, V. Fernandez 3, T. Zuckermann 3.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: N. Szegedi**

R. Lord 3; K. Hiron 3, J. Bond 4; S. Sherwin 4, G. Jones 3, P. Hrncir 3; R. Blitz 4, B. Tristram 3, N. Badaracco 3, L. Scheinflug 3, *L. Gauto* 5.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: W. Tamandl**

W. Billington 3; L. Kell 3, A. Ringland 4; *J. Kelly* 5, J. Harris 4, B. Salisbury 3; B. Harris 4, J. Aquero 3, *J. Doherty* 5, G. Barnett 4, J. Brownlee 3.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: J. Kelly**

L. Haskakis 4; H. Ringhoff 4, J. Mucillo 2; *L. Lazarevic* 5, M. Stojanovic 4, E. Schwarz 3; J. Medina 3, F. Dunaj 2, A. Nincevic 3, T. Jelisavcic 2. S. Pacanin 3.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: T. Jelisavcic**

G. De Vries 3; J. Aird 4, T. Maxwell 3; R. Kearns 3, M. Woods 4, R. McKnight 3; D. Smulavich 4, R. Fekete 4, H. Ninaus 3, J. Clark 2. E. Holder 2.

TOTAL: 35 **Coach: M. Woods**

J. Bout 4; N. Yangou 3, C. Karyannis 3; C. Perkins 4, N. Rusalen 4, S. Patrinos 3; W. Van der Gaag 2, B. Smith 4, J. Eleftheriadis 3, J. Pearson (injured), P. Chelepis 3.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: J. Vlasits**

B. Stevens 4; W. Addison 3, P. Keen 4; G. Arnott 3, *R. Folwell* 5, G. McPhail 4; *S. Turner* 5, B. Kelly 3 (injured), D. Sandell 4, W. Hume 2, V. Reynolds 4.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: W. Murphy**

W. Rorke 4; R. McNeil 3, E. West 3, R. Cowling 3, R. Madden (sent off), K. Woods 3, A. Smit 3, A. Westwater 4, T. Yates 3, R. Marklew 2,N. Stiffle 3.

TOTAL: 31 **Coach: N. Stiffle**

A. Iglesias 4; C. Van Blerk 4, N. Cossettini 4; R. McKellar 4, J. Marston 4, P. Hughes 3; J. Wong 4, G. Giacometti 2, L. Baumgartner 4, K. Jaros 4, F. Bottalico 3.

TOTAL: 40 **Coach: L. Baumgartner**

R. Corrie 5; *G. Nuttall* 5, G. Campbell 3; B. Senior 4, J. Curry 4, E. McLeod 3; J. Galambos 3, J. Watkiss 3, G. Galbraith 2, F. Morado 2, D. Zivkovic 4.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: E. Massey**

D. Anderson 3; B. Frlan 4, J. Gergely 4; R. Pomahac 3, *A. Hetherington* 5, G. Fraser 3; F. Hejtmanek 4, P. Pascales 4, R. Hoare 2, R. Frazer 3, L. Schauman 3.

TOTAL: 38 **Coach: D. Adrigan.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

This match produced no great excitement and the standard of play was also mediocre. Most of the time the two teams were very evenly matched and only a goalkeeper's bad blunder decided the match in favor of the home side. The astonishingly poor ground conditions were partly to blame for the lack of scientific soccer.

Referee Boscovic made no major mistakes.

Crowd: 2,000. **— D. GOTTHARD**

The very fit and keen visitors deservedly won a most satisfying game. From the very start they bustled Prague off the ball, never giving them room or time to unfold their pattern play. South Coast's forwards, particularly Doherty, continuously spreadeagled the Prague defence which fell into costly lapses quite often. South Coast won because they had much more brio in their game and because the Prague forwards, mainly the inside trio, were ineffective.

Referee Sbisa was hesitant and erred in awarding South Coast's first goal as the ball had already left the field.

Crowd: 6,400. **— PAUL DEAN**

A drab match with little of football to recommend it. Slow thinking and bad passing were the order of the day, a far cry from these teams' performances 12 months ago. There were very few shots at goal and most players performed far below their reputations.

Referee Irons was competent.

Crowd: 3,000. **— PAUL BARCLAY**

Gladesville deserved their win as they showed more purpose and teamwork than jaded Pan Hellenic who never recovered from the early injury to Pearson. Gladesville's forwards played their best match of the season, continuously worrying their opponents through sheer speed and quick interchanging. Folwell held his entire defence superbly together. Pan Hellenic looked a tired team and never produced their usual dash.

Referee R. Pearce was excellent.

Crowd: 5,700. **— BRIAN CANNON**

Bankstown, although they held APIA for 55 minutes, were only in the picture because of a fine display by goalie Rorke. APIA played poorly in the first half but improved visibly after the interval when Baumgartner came to life. Bankstown, unable to match APIA's skill, resorted to over-vigorous tactics which resulted in Madden's deserved expulsion. APIA toyed with their opponents in the last 20 minutes and thrilled their supporters with a fine display of clever inter-passing. Bankstown at no stage looked like a team capable of maintaining itself in first division.

Referee Brown had a tough match to control, showed some hesitancy, but none of his decisions influenced the result.

Crowd: 2,100. **— LOU GAUTIER**

After a scrappy first half proceedings livened up and play became close and exciting with patches of good football. Both sets of forwards missed several easy chances. A draw would have been a fairer result because defences completely subdued the forwards, Canterbury scoring from Croatia's errors and vice-versa. The match was clean and fair and well controlled by referee K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 2,000. **— EINAR PERSEN**

TEAM OF THE WEEK

R. CORRIE (Canterbury)

G. NUTTALL (Canterbury) — P. KEEN (Gladesville)

L. LAZAREVIC (Yugal) — R. FOLWELL (Gladesville) — R. BAKER (Auburn)

R. FEKETE (Hakoah) — N. TRAN (Auburn)

B. HARRIS (SCU) — J. DOHERTY (SCU) — L. GAUTO (Prague)

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Yugal's last chance to make first four

This weekend's matches are vital to several teams, both at the top and at the bottom.

A win for Yugal over Pan Hellenic would keep the semi-final issue open for some time.

At the bottom of the table Auburn could get further away from danger zone — and, at the same time, plunge Hakoah right into it.

Croatia v. Prague

IMPORTANT POINT

Following their respective defeats, both will try to make amends on Saturday.

For Croatia even one point would be of immense value in their battle against relegation.

Prague cannot afford to lose many more points if they are after that championship.

In overall skill and strength Prague is ahead of Croatia.

If Prague's defence cracks up again, the speedy Croatia forwards may cause some damage.

Otherwise a Prague win must be forecast.

Record — In 1963: Prague 2-1.

SCU v. Bankstown

EASY WIN

After having given one of their best displays in Sydney, South Coast must be full of confidence for this encounter.

Their team is so evenly balanced that Bankstown are hardly likely to pierce their armour.

In defence Ringland, J Harris and Kelly, at the forwards B. Harris, Doherty and Barnett are State class.

Bankstown, as predicted, have become wooden-spooners and it is hard to see them escape relegation.

It is most unlikely that they will be lucky enough to collect even one point at Woonona as the current form of the two teams augurs for a comfortable South Coast win.

Record — In 1963: South Coast 3-1. — **Previously:** South Coast 7, Bankstown 3.

Gladesville v. APIA

BIG HURDLE

This could be the greatest battle of the round.

Last week Gladesville outclassed Pan Hellenic and could have scored a run-away win.

APIA were not too convincing in their victory over Bankstown.

In the past Gladesville often proved too big a hurdle for APIA and now history could repeat itself.

The deciding factor could be how well the potentially brilliant APIA forwards will make out with the Gladesville defence.

The result could be close to a draw.

Record — In 1963: APIA 3-0. — **Previously:** Gladesville 5, draw 3, APIA 4.

Yugal v. P. Hellenic

DECIDER

For both teams this match is vitally important.

If Yugal wins, they still have a good chance of catching their opponents for fourth place.

A Hellenic victory, on the other hand, would just about end all speculations for semifinal honors.

Neither team is in top form but both are sure to give their best for the 90 minutes.

Without Pearson the Pan Hellenic forward line will be almost crippled, giving Yugal a better than even chance of winning.

Record — In 1963: Pan Hellenic 3-2. — **Previously:** Yugal 1, Pan Hellenic 1.

Budapest v. C'bury

NO GOALS

With one or two exceptions, these two teams have always had a hard, close fight for the points.

Even now, without too much at stake, this could be a thrilling tie.

Budapest's forwards have failed to score once in the last three matches — a total of 270 minutes.

This trend is hardly likely to change dramatically overnight and even two goals would be a vast improvement.

Canterbury finally have the players to make a good team and their form is steady.

The result may be close to a draw but Canterbury's chances are the brighter.

Record — In 1963: 2-2. — **Previously:** Budapest 3, draw 2, Canterbury 3.

Hakoah v. Auburn

PRECARIOUS

With both teams threatened by relegation, the two points of the match assume great importance.

Strange as it may seem, Hakoah are not yet out of danger and a defeat here could make their position most precarious.

Last week they were unlucky to lose to Yugal, but somehow this year the ball just fails to run their way.

Auburn's great fight to avoid relegation is truly inspiring.

Although the odds here favor Hakoah, Auburn could at least force a draw.

Record — In 1963: Hakoah 5-4. — **Previously:** Hakoah 7, draw 3, Auburn 2.

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 27

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

CROATIA v. PRAGUE — Sydney Athletic Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

THISTLE v. BALGOWNIE — Arlington Oval
C'CORDIA v. S. AUSTRAL — Knights Park
POLONIA v. T'GABBIE — Drummoyne Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 28

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

S. C. U. v. BANKSTOWN — Woonona
GLADESVILLE v. APIA — Drummoyne Oval
YUGAL v. P. HELLENIC — Sydney Athletic Field
BUDAPEST v. C'BURY — Hurstville Oval
HAKOAH v. AUBURN — Wentworth Park

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

GRANV'LE v. SUTHERL. — McArthur Park
BLACKT'N v. M. EAGLES — Francis Park
MANLY v. CORINTHIANS — Dee Why Oval
* C'CORDIA v. T'GABBIE — Lambert Park

* deferred match

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

P. HELLENIC v. AUBURN — Wentworth Park
CANTERB'Y v. HAKOAH — Arlington Oval
BANKST'N v. CROATIA — Bankstown Oval
YUGAL v. GLADESVILLE — Sydney Athletic Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

M. EAGLES v. GRANV'LE — Fraser Park
SYD. AUST. v. BLACKT'N — Cricket Ground No. 2

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

FIRST DIVISION

(Three grades, 11.45 a.m., 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

APIA v. STH. COAST — Sydney Sports Ground
PRAGUE v. BUDAPEST — Sydney Athletic Field

SECOND DIVISION

(Two grades, 1.15 and 3.00 p.m.)

T'GABBIE v. C'CORDIA — Girraween Park
C'THIANS v. POLONIA — Fraser Park
BALGOWNIE v. MANLY — Balgownie Oval
SUTHERL'D v. THISTLE — Seymour Shaw Park

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THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	RICK BRUCE	PAUL BARCLAY	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
Croatia v. Prague	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SCU v. Bankstown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gladesville v. APIA	1	2	x	x	x	x	1	x
Yugal v. P. Hellenic	1	2	1	1	2	x	1	1
Budapest v. C'bury	2	1	2	2	1	x	2	2
Hakoah v. Auburn	1	x	x	2	2	1	2	2

** Graham Barnett, SCU and Sydney inside-right.*

SYDNEY LINE-UPS

CROATIA v. PRAGUE

F. DJUKIC	1	R. LORD
B. FRLAN	2	K. HIRON
J. GERGELY	3	J. BOND
R. POMAHAC	4	P. HRNCIR
A. HETHERINGTON	5	G. JONES
G. FRASER	6	S. SHERWIN
P. PASCALES	7	R. BLITZ
E. MASSEY	8	B. TRISTRAM
R. HOARE	9	N. BADARACCO
R. FRASER	10	L. SCHEINFLUG
L. SCHAUMAN	11	L. GAUTO

REFEREE: A. BOSCOVIC — LINESMEN: Cousins — Cook

SCU v. BANKSTOWN

W. BILLINGTON	1	B. RORKE
L. KELL	2	R. McNEIL
A. RINGLAND	3	S. DEVLIN
J KELLY	4	R. COWLING
J. HARRIS	5	T. WEST
B. SALISBURY	6	K. WOODS
B. HARRIS	7	J. STIFFLE
J. AGUERO	8	R. NEAL
J. DOHERTY	9	T. YATES
G. BARNETT	10	R. MARKLEW
D. PATTERSON	11	A. SMIT

REFEREE: N. JONES — LINESMEN: Timms — Sorbie

GLADESVILLE v. APIA

B. STEVENS	1	A. IGLESIAS
W. ADDISON	2	C. VAN BLERK
P. KEEN	3	N. COSETTINI
J. ARNOTT	4	R. McKELLAR
N. FOLWELL	5	J. MARSTON
G. McPHAIL	6	P. HUGHES
S. TURNER	7	P. GIACOMETTI
B. KELLY	8	J. WONG
D. SANDELL	9	L. BAUMGARTNER
W. HUME	10	K. JAROS
V. REYNOLDS	11	P. BOTALLICO

REFEREE: S. PUNDYK — LINESMEN: Scarborough — Henkelmann

HAKOAH v. AUBURN

G. De VRIES	1	W. HENDERSON
J. AIRD	2	R. McLELLAND
H. MAXWELL	3	J. HAGGETT
R. KEARNS	4	F. VAN GAALEN
M. WOODS	5	J. PRETSWELL
R. McKNIGHT	6	R. BAKER
D. SMULOVICH	7	R. HALL
C. FEKETE	8	I. SCOTT
H. NINAUS	9	P. ~~SHEPHERD~~ Stagles
~~J. CLARK~~ Holder	10	N. TRAN
E. HOLDER	11	A. JEFFREY

REFEREE: R. PEARCE — LINESMEN: Scifleet — O'Connor

YUGAL v. PAN HELLENIC

L. HASNAKIS	1	J. BOUT
H. RINGHOFF	2	G. YANGOU
J. MUCILLO	3	C. KARYANNIS
M. LAZAREVICH	4	C. PERKINS
M. STOJANOVIC	5	N. RUSALEN
F. DUNAJ	6	C. OMEROS
J. ALAGICH	7	S. PATRINOS
E. SCHWARTZ	8	B. SMITH
A. NINCEVICH	9	W. VAN DER GAAG
T. YELISAVCIC	10	J. ELEFTHERIADIS
B. PACANIN	11	P. CHELEPIS

REFEREE: H. EILERTS — LINESMEN: Woolman — Haydon

BUDAPEST v. CANTERBURY

N. SOKOLOFF	1	M. CORRIE
H. STEGBAUER	2	G. NUTTALL
D. BUCHANAN	3	G. CAMPBELL
S. ISAAC	4	B. SENIOR
P. BANICEVIC	5	J. CURRY
H. SCHAEFER	6	E. McLEOD
J. HILLHOUSE	7	J. GALAMBOS
J. WARREN	8	J. WATKISS
H. RODRIGUEZ	9	G. GALBRAITH
V. FERNANDEZ	10	F. MORADO
M. KRGIN	11	D. ZIVKOVIC

REFEREE: D. BUCHAN — LINESMEN: Rae — Henderson

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Hellenic almost certain of yet another two titles

— *From LEN TODD in Brisbane* —

Hellenic consolidated their position as leaders of Queensland's State League, by defeating Bundamba 4-0 at Bundamba.

This is the first time this season Bundamba have suffered a defeat on their own ground.

Hellenic proved far too good, and the issue was never in doubt, despite the determination of the Bundamba team.

Col. Kitching came back to the scoring list getting two goals, while "Chook" Vogler also got two.

Grahame McMillan missed out, but still retains leadership in the goal scoring race.

It now seems certain that Hellenic will take the premiership, and their present form indicates that they should take the championship also.

There can be no doubt they are the team of the year in Queensland.

Scorers — Hellenic: C. Kitching 2, B. Vogler 2.

Azzurri v. Oxley 2-1

Azzurri, by defeating Oxley United at Dunlop Park, gained a point on Latrobe and joined them in second place, behind Oxley on goal average.

Weakness in front of goal caused Oxley's defeat, and once more there was that defensive outlook, upsetting the attack.

Azzurri scored first, much against the run of play, and led 1-0 at half time.

Oxley equalised when a 30-yard high ball was misjudged by Dvornicich, who had replaced the injured Grahame Kruger in goal.

The ball went into the net over his head, and scores were level.

Azzurri came back, and a fine move started by Sander sent Alastair Robertson through for the winning goal.

Oxley forwards pressed, but their final efforts were generally off target.

Scorers — Azzurri: A. Robertson, L. Jones o.g.; **Oxley Utd.** C. Wilson.

Latrobe v. Merton 0-0

A missed penalty half a minute before half time undoubtedly cost Latrobe victory in their game against Merton Rovers at McCook Park last Saturday.

Most of us present felt Merton were unlucky no to have a penalty awarded them, in the closing minutes of the game, when one of the Latrobe defenders appeared to handle in the area.

However, Latrobe did have an edge on Merton, but weakness in front of goal was the main cause of their failure to win.

Outstanding player on the field was recent acquisition Derek Robson, of Latrobe.

This fine centre half is the best acquisition Queensland soccer has made this season, and he must become a very strong challenger to Les. McCrea, the present State centre half.

Robson, who comes from Southern League (England) team Dover is not only a fine "stopper", but also an excellent "starter".

His distribution is first class, and his defence is as solid as any we have.

Grange v. Easts 2-1

Easts put up a tough fight against Grange-Thistle at Heath Park, and just managed to win by the odd goal in three.

Once again Easts showed marked weakness in front of goal, and Grange proved just that much better.

Scorers — Grange-Thistle: I. Shaw, B. Dann; **Easts Utd.** L. McMillan.

Blackstone v. Germ. 3-1

Blackstone got their revenge for the defeat inflicted to them by Germania earlier in the season, by tossing them at Lanham Park.

Two more valuable points for Blackstone but they come too late to help them out of trouble.

Scorers — Blackstone: T. Payne 2, B. Payne; **Germania:** L. Kilmartin.

Merton bids for semifinal place

The meeting of Merton Rovers and Oxley United at Heath Park on Saturday should be one of the toughest matches of this weekend's fixtures.

With only three rounds to go, Merton must win all three matches to make the top four and the semifinals, and gain entry to the Craven "A" Australia Cup.

It is equally important for Oxley to maintain their position.

With the situation in such a condition what else can we expect but a hard, keen game, that should be a real crowd pleaser.

However, I find that these matches generally are so tense, that teams tend to concentrate on a solid defence to the detriment of attack.

The attitude is one of "If-we - don't - let - you - score-you - cannot - beat - us", and I feel it was this that gave us a scoreless draw between Latrobe and Merton.

On current form one must go for a win to Oxley, who have been a model of consistency over the last couple of months.

Sunday at Lanham Park, Grange-Thistle will try to repeat their victory over Latrobe, as they defeated them 2-1 on May 26.

Latrobe will be strengthened by the return of that dashing centre forward Ray Richards, whose suspension has expired.

Richards has been sadly missed by Latrobe, and in my opinion has been the main cause for the loss of three points during his absence.

It is obvious the disciplinary committee is determined to carry on a "get tough" policy, and players would be well advised to watch their step.

There is a clause in the Federation constitution that gives the management committee great power in this matter.

Grange-Thistle have only an outside chance of making the top four, and in case of failures by others will need the points here.

I feel Lats will win but only after a solid fight.

On Saturday at the Exhibition, Hellenic will have an easy task against Germania, who cannot get going, and were defeated by Blackstone 3-1 last week.

Bundamba should defeat Easts at Bundamba on Sunday, and Azzurri should be untroubled to defeat Blackstone at the Exhibition on Sunday.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

EXHIBITION OVAL — 2.45 p.m.

Hellenic: B. Topfer, D. Clark, D. McKenna; J. McCarthy, L. McCrea, L. Petie, G. Kitching, B. Vogler, C. Kitching, A. Tsombaras, G. McMillan.

Germania: K. Shepherd, W. Keller, R. Pemberton, N. Kerswell, G. Hahn, W. Stransky, R. Ganzenmueller, F. Kaminski, R. Jenkins, R. Lawrence, L. Kilmartin.

HEATH PARK — 2.45 p.m.

Merton: M. McNamara, G. Catchpole, H. Gani, I. Davidson, N. Warren, L. Petersen, E. Patison, J. Anthony, M. Wild, A. Morris, M. Bohan.

Oxley: G. Arrowsmith, P. Wilson, K. Fredline, W. Haigh, L. Jones, E. Hillier, A. Karbonowitz, C. Wilson, R. Evans, R. Wilson, G. Campbell.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

BUNDAMBA — 2.45 p.m.

Bundamba: A. Hudson, P. Camplin, G. Petie, R. Lawrie, B. Parkes, R. Cummings, W. Pitcairn, F. Johnson, M. Kitching, I. Johnson, J. Richards.

Easts United: K. Eden, S. Ward, A. Duncan, H. McIntyre, C. Howell, M. Hay, J. O'Shea, D. Bobbermen, G. Pfuhl, L. McMillan, G. Shiner.

LANHAM PARK — 2.45 p.m.

Grange-Thistle: A. Rigby, A. Keenan, A. Smith, T. Bewick, I. Shaw, L. Souter, J. McDonald, G. Shearer, P. Flanagan, B. Dann, B. Allison.

Latrobe: G. Cuddaford, R. Harkness, J. Wakeley, A. Bain, D. Robson, B. Brennan, J. Taylor, M. Wynne, R. Richards, J. Darlington, R. Hayes.

EXHIBITION OVAL — 2.45 p.m.

Azzurri: G. Kruger, G. Kathage, L. Minutello, N. Saftich, A. Warren, C. Sander, J. Mengotti, S. Kitching, M. Saftich, A. Robertson, S. Dedman.

Blackstone: K. Eland, T. Patterson, C. Matters, T. Petie, M. Wooley, N. Puet, R. Hughes, R. Woodford, W. Petie, C. Smith, R. Follett.

NEXT WEEKEND

STATE LEAGUE

Dunlop Park:
Oxley v. Grange-Thistle
Heath Park:
Easts Utd. v. Hellenic
Exhibition:
Azzurri v. Germania
Blackstone:
Blackstone v. Merton Rovers
McCook Park
Latrobe v. Bundamba

Budapest crash, Juventus clear

Croatia returned to top form when they held leaders Juventus to a thrilling 3-3 draw at Hanson Reserve.

Despite the loss of a point it was a great weekend for the "black and whites" as arch-rivals Budapest were beaten by Enfield.

Juventus are now three points clear with three matches to go and seem certain to win their first title since 1960.

Croatia v. Juventus 3-3

Juventus started off brilliantly but weakened under pressure in the second half.

Govelli opened the scoring in the 11th minute when McCabe could not hold a hard Crawford shot.

Juventus led 2-1 at half time, Croatia's scorer being Slager who has later injured.

The second half produced some of the season's best football with Croatia determined to draw level.

Jaksa equalised in the 60th minute but seconds later Govelli scored his second goal from a direct free kick.

Utility centre forward Guthrie put Croatia on level terms five minutes from time.

Scorers: Slager, Jaksa, McGreevy for Croatia; Govelli 2 and Crawford for Juventus.

Victoria v. Orange 2-0

Tailenders Orange, again, went down meekly.

Victoria were not too impressive despite their two goal victory but were more determined than their apparently demoralized opponents who appear to have resigned themselves for the big drop.

Highlight of a colourless and drab match was the form of former State star West.

Scorers: Cunnett and Felton for Victoria.

Austria v. Polonia 3-2

Austria confirmed that they are the team of the moment by beating highly-rated Polonia in a fast, exciting match which produced flashes of excellent football.

Austria led convincingly in the first half with Baines at his goal-hungry best.

After the interval Polonia came back strongly but despite the efforts of captain-coach Sinclair, the best man on the field, could not bridge the gap and Austria won deservedly for a more consistent effort.

Scorers: Baines 2, Gruber for Austria; Petitt and Kreft for Polonia.

Lion v. C'berland 2-0

Lion live again after their clear cut win against favored Cumberland at Croydon Park.

They must, however, win all their remaining matches to avoid relegation but on Saturday's form could pull it off.

Cumberland were no match for the greater skill of Lion and had only vigor and determination to recommend them.

It was a hard-tackling match with no quarter asked nor given.

Stars of the match were Lion stalwarts Steczuk and Lugmeier while Shuttleworth held the fort well for the visitors.

Scorers: Beattie and Costalunga for Lion.

Enfield v. Budapest 4-2

Enfield played their best football of the season to beat last year's champions in a torrid match.

Although Budapest scored first Enfield raced away to a 2-1 half time lead.

They made it 3-1 shortly after resumption and clinched the match only seconds after Budapest had again bridged the gap.

Budapest officials were very bitter about referee Frost after the match.

They claim the referee handled the game incompetently and were surprised to see him officiating at their match as they had lodged a protest about his display a fortnight ago against Polonia although they had won 3-1.

Scorers: Roper 2, McRae, Graham for Enfield; Balter and Suth for Budapest.

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THIS WEEKEND

Juventus v. Lion
Polonia v. Croatia
Cumberland v. Orange
Victoria v. Enfield
Budapest v. Austria

Second Div. Results

Hellas v .Birkalla: 3-0
Scorers: Staub 2, Worthington for Hellas.

Salisbury v. Windsor: 5-2
Scorers: Whiting 2, West 2, James for Salisbury; McNally and Kirkwood for Windsor.

Port Adelaide v. Malta: 3-1
Scorers: B. Lewis, L. Lewis, Murray for Port Adelaide; Hunter for Malta.

Edinburgh v. Elizabeth: 3-3
Scorers: Tame, Harrison, Chattin for Edinburgh; Hunter 2, Woods for Elizabeth.

Beograd v. Mitcham: 3-2
Scorers: Patzic, McPhee, Curran for Beograd; Dervells and Burden for Mitcham.

SYDNEY READERS WRITE

On the skids

Whatever happened to the so-called A.B.C. policy of televising one live soccer match every three weeks in Sydney?

The last match televised was seven weeks ago when Yugal beat Prague 3-1.

The A.B.C.'s coverage of soccer, both radio and television, has been extremely poor lately and that once soccer-conscious station is now lagging behind Channel 9 whose 20-minute soccer segment on Saturday morning is watched by thousands of viewers.

N. Jahrgren
Matraville

Gauto ignored

The omission of Prague's brilliant Argentine outside left Luis Gauto from the Sydney squad is hard to understand.

Gauto, in my book, is a class better than team-mate Scheinflug yet the selectors consistently overlook him.

Matt Woods has done nothing so far to warrant inclusion in the squad, yet he is picked on reputation while Gauto has proved beyond contest that he is the vital cog in the Prague machine.

I would drop Ninaus and Scheinflug from the Sydney forward line which would read, from right to left: Blitz — Barnett — Doherty — Jeffrey — Gauto.

Mrs Lydia Rossi
Miranda

Linen washing

I am deeply concerned about the reports appearing in the daily newspapers about soccer in Sydney.

Half the publicity we are getting we can do without, and other "news items" are causing more harm than good.

It seems that all these articles are given to the newspapers by a Federation official, as each article quotes them officially.

It looks to me as if these officials seem only to be concerned about seeing their names quoted.

They do not realise the harm it is doing to the Federation itself.

Let us not wash our dirty linen in public.

J. F. Wills
Botany

Plans for schoolboy tour of Europe under way

The Australian Soccer Federation is preparing plans for an Australian schoolboy soccer team to travel to Europe in January next year.

The team will be Under 18 and will pave the way for future overseas tours by a senior Australian team.

The "teenage diplomats" will play seven or eight matches in England, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy and other countries.

Theo Marmaras, chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation said the boys would be drawn from schools all over Australia.

Many of the boys would be Australian born, but the team would comprise some migrants, who must be naturalised Australians.

Finance for the tour would come partly from the Australian Soccer Federation, but soccer clubs throughout Australia would be asked to contribute.

"For instance we are hoping the Dutch, Greek, Australian, German, Yugoslav, Hungarian, Italian and other communities will sponsor one boy in the team", Marmaras said.

It is expected that a party of about 17 will make the trip. The boys will be brought together in a training camp for a week before flying overseas.

An Under 18 junior soccer carnival will be held in Sydney in the first week in October. During the carnival an Australia-wide Junior Soccer Federation will be formed.

This Junior Federation will arrange an itinerary and all details for the tour.

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THIS BOY MAY BE AUSTRALIA'S NEXT "KING OF KEEPERS"

— By PAUL DEAN —

A goalkeeper's lot is never easy and often outright impossible.

One mistake after numerous brilliant saves and his team is one goal down, possibly the only goal of the match.

A full back or forward may and does lots of goofs without doing great harm.

A goalkeeper must be perfect.

But, of course, they are not and Ron Corrie, Canterbury's 22-year-old new sensation is the first to admit it.

His philosophy on goalkeeping is simple enough: do all you can and try most of what you can't.

And if your side still loses, don't start recriminations with any of your team mates.

"That never does good, straight after a match," he says.

"In Canterbury we don't do it and that's one reason why I like being there, among friends".

Corrie, who stands only 5ft. 8in., is being hailed as the "find" of the Sydney season.

Only last week he was selected for the NSW squad, the highest honor yet in his career.

"LORD GREATEST"

Newspapers "discovered" him after a few great games and fans now talk about him the way they do about Baumgartner or Ninaus, Kelly or Lord.

"Not Lord", he protests. "Lord is the greatest, I'm very far from him.

"I think he knows all there is to know about goalkeeping.

It's exaggeration to compare me to him".

Corrie has been with Canterbury for some five years now, having graduated from third and second grade to the top post.

During most of this time, he has been coached by Denis Adrigan whom he regards as the best goalkeeper coach in Sydney.

"He's got special exercises for goalies and always spends time with them at trainings", he says.

"I worked out under Joe Vlasits and Leo Baumgartner but I learned the most from Denis Adrigan."

Corrie, like so many other goalkeepers, started off as a field player, some 13 years ago in a Protestant Churches competition.

He was about 15 when he decided to take his place between the sticks.

BROKEN WRIST

All this time, he suffered only one serious injury, a broken wrist.

But, oddly, this happened when once he played at inside forward with the Belmore juniors.

"I never think of the risk of getting injured during a game", he says flatly.

"Once you do, you may lose your nerve and that's that for a goalkeeper".

All goalies have preferences for one kind of shot or the other and Corrie is no exception.

"I like best the ball that travels about hip-high," he says.

"I think that's the easiest to grab".

In his few months in first division he has built up a reputation as a "penalty-saver"; among his "victims" one finds such feared "executioners" as Ninaus and Baumgartner.

"There's not much to it, really," he waves it aside.

"I just make up my mind to go to one of the corners and hope the fellow shoots there.

"I watch his run-up, his eyes, his foot and his body and then, in the last split second, take off.

"I think I've got a way of telling where the shot will go. Of course, as often as not, I'm wrong."

SET FOR PRIZES

At present Corrie is among the leaders for the rich prizes which two Sydney afternoon newspapers offer to the best player.

He may win a luxury car or a world cruise but he seems unmoved by the possibility.

"I think Ronnie Lord will win at least one of them", he says impassively.

"And he deserves it, too.

"I'd love to get that car, I'd chuck my old Holden in and keep the new one".

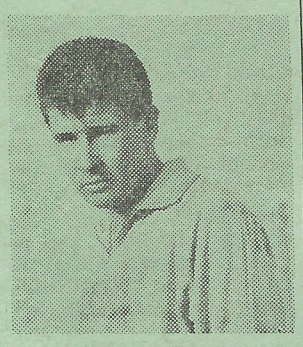
Corrie, a revenue clerk at the Transport Department, is unmarried. Who would he take with him on the world trip for two if he won that prize?

"Oh, just one of my mates from the Belmore amateurs," he sighs, "I guess one of them would come.

"But I don't really think much about it, I still feel the winner will be somebody else, not me".

He is just as matter-of-fact about his future as he is about all the newly acquired glamor and reputation.

"I like it in Canterbury and wouldn't join some of the richer Sydney clubs for any money',, he says.



"I don't think I could be happy there even if I earned five times more than I do now.

"We get a kick out of playing together here, we like it whether we win or lose.

"From what I hear, in some other clubs there are terrible scenes after a lost match.

"Well, you see, that's what I'd hate."

PERFECT NERVES

He is as modest off the field as he is spectacular and agile between the sticks.

Despite his relative shortness, he is one of the bounciest men in the business with perfect nerves and a pair of safe hands.

His coach, Denis Adrigan claims Corrie has a terrific appetite for work at trainings and is keen to improve all the time.

Will he really be Ron Lord's successor as the great Australian goalkeeper?

Time will tell. With most goalkeepers maturing around 25 or 26, the next few seasons may see Corrie reach the very top where at present his idol reigns as undisputed "king of the keepers".

Challenge match now challenged

— *By S. Phelan, Adelaide "Advertiser" writer* —

The ceaseless propaganda build-up for soccer in NSW and Victoria reached an absurd stage, with the 'prestige' match to be played shortly between those two States.

Presumably this match is to decide which of the two States is the 'Australian champion'.

I hate to intrude a jarring note into this meeting of Australia's "greats" but neither of these States has exactly covered itself with glory in the interstate series this year.

As a guest of the Australian Federation last year at the Sydney Sports Ground I watched the vaunted NSW team fluke a draw with S.A.

Later that season I watched SA thrash Victoria at Hindmarsh 4-2 when the final result could have been even worse for Victoria had not the SA team let up in the remaining fifteen minutes.

This season I watched NSW beaten again at Hindmarsh by a SA team which had drawn severe criticism on the selectors because it was felt in many expert quarters to be not representative of the best in the State.

Last year in the Australia Cup we found Juventus, then the second team in SA, thrash Hakoah in the first round on its home ground.

Apparently neither NSW nor Victoria takes any notice of defeat but before these teams challeged each other to a so-called prestige match — which can only mean that the winner would be regarded as the Australian champion — it would pay both to take a look at their standings on the interstate premiership table.

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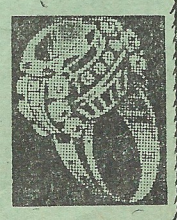

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WALTER STERNBERG BACK FROM EUROPE SAYS:

OUR PLAYERS BEST PAID IN WORLD ON ABILITY

Former Hakoah president Walter Sternberg, one of the founders of the NSW Federation, has just returned from a three months' overseas business trip.

While abroad he combined business with pleasure and had the opportunity to see club matches in several countries as well as two internationals.

In an interview with SOCCER WORLD he gave his impression and opinions on what he saw in Europe.

"The best match I saw was the West Germany v. Brazil game in Hamburg which the Brazilians won 2-1, but only because Pele gave such a fantastic display".

"All the other matches I saw were nowhere near the standard of this international, and somewhat of an anti-climax.

"The Austria v. Italy match in Vienna was very poor and the stadium only one third filled", he added.

Highlight of his four-week Austrian stay was the Mitropa Cup match between F.K. Austria and Yugoslav team Sarajevo in which former Hakoah wing half Adolf Blutsch gave a flawless display at centre half, deputising for Austrian international stopper Stotz.

According to Walter Sternberg, Blutsch is a big success in Austria where experts predict him an Austrian international cap soon.

In Switzerland Sternberg was disappointed with the La Chaux-de-Fonds v. Sion first division match.

"We have players with at least equal talent in Australia" he said.

He also claims that he never saw a player with Baumgartner's technique in any European club match.

"The 'Professor' would walk into any first division team in Europe and that also goes for Jaros, Ninaus, Jeffrey or even Saghi if he trained properly," Sternberg said.

The worst match he saw overseas was Maccabbi Tel Aviv v. Patatkhiva in Israel.

"These two teams were second and third respectively on the Israeli competition table.

"Their players are amateur in the truest sense and I was flooded with enquiries from players keen to migrate to Australia".

Summing up his trip Walter Sternberg said that the biggest difference between European and Australian soccer was the vastly superior condition of European players.

"In Europe they train five days a week and play up to three matches a week whereas in Australia we have near professional players on amateur training methods.

"Australian players are among the best paid in the world, yet our standard is one of the weakest — but only because we have not installed full-time professionalism.

Walter Sternberg would like to see our soccer administrators more efficient.

"Most of the Sydney officials are men who love soccer genuinely but their inexperience and amateurish outlook is holding the code back.

"European clubs, too, are often in the 'red' financially but their structures are so solid that they can overcome any crisis because of the capable men at the helm".

As parting words he said that the standard of refereeing overseas was an eye-opener.

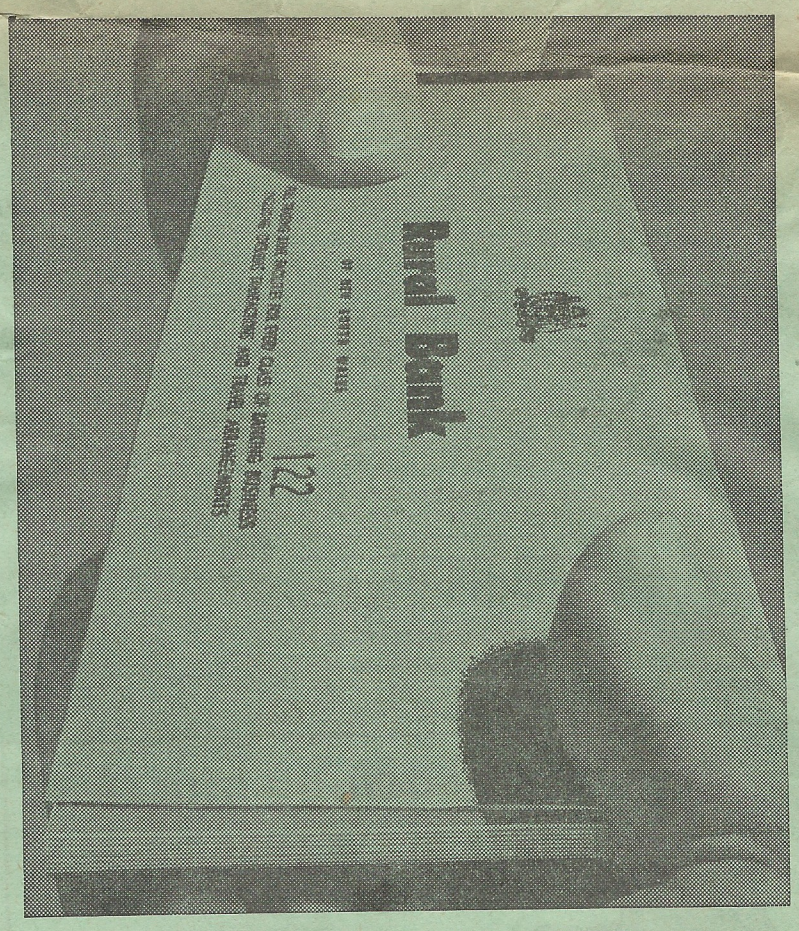
"Referees everywhere were top class.

"I never saw a more immaculate display of refereeing than Mr Dienst's, the Swiss referee of West Germany v. Brazil.

"The crowd never noticed him and the game flowed on freely without interruptions.

"Our referees often play to the gallery and want to wrest the limelight from the players."

— LOU GAUTIER



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SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

Granville-AEK's bid for fourth place

Granville-AEK confirmed their poor recent form by losing to Balgownie and are in danger of missing out on the proposed Federation Cup as Sydney Austral have two games in hand.

A win is a must for Granville on Sunday against Sutherland.

Manly were too opportunist for Toongabbie in the battle of the wooden-spooners and Melita Eagles climbed up two places on the table by beating Sutherland at Miranda.

CORINTHIANS — THISTLE 3-0 (3-0)

Scorers: Todd 14 & 24 mins., Daykin 20 min.

Corinthians: Dorman; Fazakerley, Herning; McCarthy, Robinson, Hillsdon; Todd, Bennett, Miller, Daykin, Hall.

Thistle: Howard; Nicholls, Butler; Kent, Millard, King; Shepherd, Parish, M. Cummings, Kelso, Hart.

Corinthians were on top throughout but eased up after scoring three goals in the first 25 minutes.

Thistle put up great resistance for the rest of the match to keep the score down but only threatened Dorman once when Cummings hit the upright.

TOONGABBIE — MANLY 0-3 (0-0)

Scorers: Collier 55 min., Holroyd 59 min., Myers 73 min.

Toongabbie: J. Golli; Jamieson, Tweedie; White, Cooper, Ollier; Hugo, V. Golli, Jameson, Bezzina, Cosgrove.

Manly: Langelaar; Greenstreet, Duff; Smith, Abbebroek, McMichael; Myers, Sumbak, Holroyd, Roberts, Collier.

Manly, the better team in the last thirty minutes only, were somewhat flattered by their three-goal victory.

Toongabbie missed a penalty just before half time and that proved the turning point of the match.

Manly adapted themselves better to the muddy conditions and showed more opportunism.

CONCORDIA — BLACKTOWN 3-0 (2-0)

Scorers: Jeblowski 30 min., Karmainsky 40 &70 mins.

Concordia: Mateusek; Relich, Spottke; Wilker, Pokorny, Jeblowsky; Carter, Baumgartner, Karmainsky, Holzer, Pucher.

Blacktown: Edgecumbe; S. Melinz, Tomasov; Schaeffer, Putri, Andrejewski; Vibert, Zoratto, Doevedans, Milankovic, F. Melinz.

Concordia again proved Blacktown's "hoodoo" team.

Blacktown's condition ran out early and they were no match for the excellent team-work of their opponents.

Concordia, spearheaded by top goalgetter Karmainsky, played delightful football and took advantage of every opportunity.

SUTHERLAND — M. EAGLES 1-3 (0-1)

Scorers: Wallace 80 min. for Sutherland; Azzopardi 15, 56 & 68 mins. for Melita Eagles.

Sutherland: Robinson; Tweedie, Travers; Moore, Gillham, Rattenbury; Dean, Hagner, Wallace, Osborne, Shrubsole.

Melita Eagles: Gatt; Horvath, Schreiner; Schembri, Austin, Calleja; Zammit, Vella-James, Azzopardi, Muscat, Davies.

The score flatters Melita Eagles as Sutherland generally commanded midfield play.

Sutherland, however, lacked positive approach in attack while Melita Eagles were always dangerous on breakaways engineered by Vella-James and Zammit.

It was a good, fast match with play always fluctuating from one end to the other.

SYDNEY AUSTRAL — POLONIA-NS 2-7 (1-2)

Scorers: Smith 5 min., Pronk 65 min. for Sydney Austral; Adamson 15 min., Witczak 40, 86 &87 mins., R. Gronowski 50 & 85 mins., Rosik 59 min.

Syd. Austral: Reckenrich, Van Haaren, Csosz; Ferguson, Van Sitteren, Pronk; Vuesting, Van der Wall, De Looper, Smith, Stoove.

Polonia-NS: H. Gronowski; Boland, Cebula; Rosa, Nowacki, Adamson; Woodward, Hajduk, R. Gronowski, Witczak, Rosik.

Sydney Austral were the better team in the first 20 minutes but faded when Polonia got into top gear.

The last fifteen minutes saw Polonia play their best football of the season, their forwards swamping the panic-stricken Dutchmen.

Cebula and Witczak were the best players on the field.

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The Granville-AEK v. Balgownie match description had not reached us as we went to press.

Sydney Splinters

☆ Prague suffered their first home defeat of the season in nine matches, their second defeat of the year.

☆ The last time a Budapest forward scored a goal (Fernandez) was against Gladesville on June 23.

☆ Croatia lost their seventh match by the odd goal against Canterbury, won only one game by the odd goal, pointing to some deficiency in their make-up.

☆ Auburn scored their second home win in 14 days, receiving on both occasions a helping hand from the Mona Park quagmire.

☆ Bankstown have not collected a point since June 23, when they beat Auburn, suffered three successive defeats for a goal average of 1-11.

☆ On an amazing 11 occasions Hakoah either drew or lost by the odd goal and have yet to win a match playing at home.

☆ The only unbeaten teams at home now are South Coast and APIA; the former has dropped two, the latter only one point as host.

☆ The "secret" of Yugal's poor season lies in the fact that as visitors they have collected a meagre five points —only one more than Bankstown.

Among the 100,000 juniors

Two under-16 teams from the Oberon area were unable to fulfil fixtures against All Saints Cathedral teams on July 13 as many lads were snow-bound in their homes in the countryside surrounding Oberon.

Illawarra under 16, 14, and 12s swamped Western Districts in the recent State championship games at Morse Park Bathurst, scoring 19 goals without reply. In under-16s Lithgow goalie G. Franklin and Bathurst players D. Henden and P. Davies were highly rated by the visitors.

In the senior match Western Districts thrilled the season's largest crowd by slamming home five goals in the last 20 minutes against Illawarra District. Western District won the match 7-0. Ben Lam, Dutch-born forward from Dubbo scored the first. Top scorer with three goals was Parkes area schoolteacher, Bill McUtchen.

Main representative matches for the weekend are:

Saturday July, 27th: Gore Hill Oval, St. Leonards—from 10.15. Primula Oval Lindfield—from 1.8 m.

Sunday July, 28th: Blick Oval Canterbury, from 9.45 a.m. Allum Park Greenacre from 9.15 a.m. Seymour Shaw Park, from 9.30 a.m. Gladesville Sports Ground, from 9 a.m. Scarborough Park Kogarah, from 12.45 p.m.

Newcastle association intends to send its under-14 representative side to Victoria at the end of August.

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DEFERRED GAME

Croatia v. Banks'n: 4-2 (3-1)

Scorers: R. Hoare 18 min; L. Schauman 30 and 60 min; G. Frazer 35 min. for Croatia; T. Yates 6 min. and N. Stiffle 79 min. for Bankstown.

Croatia: D. Anderson 2; B. Frlan 4, J. Gergely 3; R. Pomahac 3, A. Hetherington 4, G. Frazer 4; P. Pascales 3, E. Massey 2, R. Hoare 4, R. Fraser 3, **L. Schauman 5.**

Total: 37. Coach: E. Massey.

Bankstown: W. Rorke 3; R. McNeil 2, E. West 3; A. Westwater 3, R. Madden 2, R. Cowling 3; N. Stiffle 3, R. Marklew 2, T. Yates 4, S. Devlin 2, R. Neal 3.

Total: 30 .Coach: N. Stiffle.

Referee: L. Wilson.

Crowd: 1,000

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CANTERBURY will decide this weekend whether they will fly Tommy Ewing, an Irish first division centre forward, to Australia or bring him out by ship. Ewing has been the leading Northern Irish goalscorer for the last two seasons. He plays with Bangor City after having been on the books of Airdronians, Queen of the South and Doncaster Rovers. His team-mate Pat Munster arrives in mid-August, also to join the Berries.

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FILIPPO BOTTALICO has trebled sales of petrol since taking over the Ampol garage on Parramatta Road, Summer Hill. Most APIA fans in the area patronize his service-station where "service with a smile" is the motto.

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PRAGUE officials have high hopes that "Scotman's Hill" will disappear from the Marks Field next season. They met with City Council representatives last week and were told of a scheme to remove the freeloaders. The Council is also, at last, expected to provide covering for 5,000 seats in the very near future.

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PAN HELLENIC's Con Omeros returned last week from a two week's honeymoon in Queensland. He played in the seconds last Sunday but will return to the first team either this weekend or next Saturday against Canterbury.

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AS FROM this Friday Yugal will start to show sports and soccer films every fortnight at their clubrooms at 256 Crown Street, Darlinghurst. Any interested viewers are welcome to attend.

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FIRST division referees had their eyes tested last Friday night at a referees' meeting at Hellenic House. Referees meet twice a month and attend lectures by members of the examination board. Medical check-ups and tests will now be conducted regularly.

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YUGAL and Sydney centre half Mita Stojanovic will leave Australia next month. Stojanovic has signed a professional contract for second division French club Boulogne, a sea port on the English Channel. Stojanovic will be one of the many Yugoslavs operating in French soccer. Before going to France, however, Stojanovic will spend three weeks in Yugoslavia with his mother who is ill.

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THE ATLANTIC soccer club, which now plays in the Eastern Suburbs all-age competition where they are co-leaders, intends to apply for Amateur division status next season. They are already team-building and looking for a ground. The club has 300 members and a thriving sports and social club at 256 Crown Street, Darlinghurst. On Saturday, August 10, the Atlantic club will hold its yearly dance at 8 p.m. at headquarters. All welcome.

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THE FEDERATION has rejected Auburn's appeal against referee Leo Wilson's display in their match against APIA four weeks ago. The Federation claims it can do nothing about the disputed penalty which was not awarded as the referee did not err on a point of law.

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LAST Saturday against Yugal Hakoah's Ron Kearns had the misfortune of scoring an own goal. By an uncanny coincidence he also netted an own goal in the first round match against Yugal, Hakoah losing both these matches by the odd goal. Last week, however, Yugal returned the compliment when Lazarevic, also the right half scored on own goal, too.

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SOUTH COAST UNITED are flying out an English inside forward for the semi-finals. They are not revealing his name yet but divulged that he is 25 years old, has played 15 first division games and is now with a third division club.

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JAMES RICHARDSON, the forward from Stenhousemuir in Scottish second division, has decided to join Gladesville after all. First it was thought that Richardson would not come because of the death of his fiancee's father.

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CROATIA officials are meeting with the representatives of a large Sydney brewery next week to finalise arrangements for the licensing of their proposed new social club near the Tivoli theatre.

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AT THE official opening of the Auburn Soccer Sports Club Limited on July 9 a large distinguished gathering included W.G. Walkley, president of the Australian Federation, T. Grimson, NSW president, J. Harrison M.H.R. T. Murphy, M.L.A. and Mr. Alce the managing director of Millers brewery and Mr. Walker the secretary were among the 340 guests. The mayor of Auburn, Alderman Hedges, performed the opening ceremony.

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BANKSTOWN president Jack Fitzpatrick is at present holidaying in Queensland. Young Alan Westwater was farewelled by 150 Bankstown players, officials and supporters last Saturday night.

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APIA officials expect Argentinian international centre half Roberto Murua to play in the first team very shortly. They are impressed with his improving form week after week and, considering he had not trained for four months before coming to Australia, the return to the form which gained him a cap against Russia is pleasing indeed.

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RAFFI LEVI will play-with Hakoah reserves this weekend after a four week spell through injury. Veteran Len Quested, however, will be out for the rest of the season with suspected cartilage trouble. Both Levi and Quested have had their worse seasons ever with injuries this year.

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LAST Saturday was "hat-trick day" for the Alagich brothers. Joe, 19, scored three goals for Yugal seconds while younger brother Michael, 16, repeated the feat in a Manly junior association match.

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PRAGUE will chose their "Miss Soccer" at their monthly dance at Dunbar House tomorrow night. She will take part in the Federation's "Miss Australia" title. On August 24th Prague are holding their annual ball at the Rex Hotel, Bondi.

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ACCORDING to the Auburn REVIEW the fund to send young Russell Haggett to England has reached £100. Russell is an apprentice butcher and his employer, Mr Eric Grant, has granted him six months leave of absence and will make arrangements for Russell to inspect various aspects of the meat industry in London. Alick Jeffrey rates Haggett a great prospect with a good chance to succeed in English soccer.

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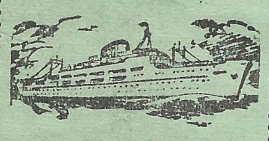

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